

AN OFFICIAL BUDGET

FROM GOVERNMENT WORKSHOPS.

Post-Office Department Receipts—Nominations—Assignments of Revenue Marine Officers—The Pension Appropriation Bill—National Tobacco Association.

The general and handsome young private secretary to the Postmaster-General, Mr. Fred N. Bassett, has left Washington for a two weeks' trip in the United States.

Secretary Chandler, Secretary Folger, and a party of friends made a short pleasure-trip down the Potomac river Saturday evening on the United States mail steamer.

The Democratic papers in Ohio were anxious that General Kennedy shall make a fight against General Keifer. This should excite Kennedy's supporters and the Democrats.

The contract for decorating the Secretary's office in the north wing of the new State, War, and Navy Department building, has been awarded to C. Otto Ficht, of New York, at his bid of \$2,900.

Wm. W. Wythe, a Republican, a Justice of the Supreme Court, he sought to displace the President of the United States and couldn't. Congressman Bayne, of Pennsylvania, is a critic of the President for the same reason.

It looks as if the Democrats had wasted their money and some Republicans made fools of themselves in vain efforts to defeat a soldier and a statesman of such popular regard as General Keifer and he is probably re-nominated August 2 at Springfield, Ohio.

Congressman Young, of Ohio, says he wants

The President sent the following nominations to the Senate Saturday: James C. Tolman, to be surveyor-general of the district of Oregon; Samuel S. Benedict, of Kansas, to be an Indian inspector; Silas S. Garrett, of Tennessee, supervising inspector of state lands; and Charles F. Ranney, of Lancaster, Ohio, and for the last few years an attaché of the house of Representatives. In the Sergeant-at-Arms' office, has been selected by the tariff commission as the messenger and disbursing officer. He left last night

The National Tobacco Association are here in convention in obedience to a call from its president. At a meeting held Saturday it was unanimously agreed to seek for the reduction of the tobacco tax to eight cents, to take effect January 1, 1883. They recommend also that the tax on cigars be reduced to \$2.50, and on cigarettes, to fifty cents per thousand.

Colonel Joseph H. Brigham, who was nominated by the Republicans of the sixth Ohio Congressional district last Wednesday, is a man who will stand very high among the members of the Forty-eighth Congress. He is six feet six inches tall. He belongs to the Maumee Valley section, where potatoes are said to grow proverbially small, but where they raise good soldiers and big men.

West, the Democratic papers, by evidently concerted agreement, have entered upon a career of abuse of General Keifer unprecedented in a local canvass. Why should papers in Iowa, Kentucky, and away up in Maine, take such deep interest in a canvass of a few counties in Ohio? What does it mean? Do Democrats think their money can do the most good in attempting to beat General Keifer?

the quarter ending March 31, 1882, were \$10,000, 235.80; payment, \$9,976,307.81; excess of receipts \$99,927.99; probable profits on money orders \$73,000; total, \$1,034,227.99. To get the whole amount of expenditures there should be added to the amount paid the amount withheld from subsidized Pacific railroads, about \$250,000, and the amount due railroads, unascertained but estimated, \$300,000; total, \$450,000. This makes the net receipts for the postal service for the quarter, above all expenditures and liabilities, more than

Dispatches received here on Saturday last from Cairo, Ill., announced the renomination of the Hon. John R. Thomas for Congress for that district (the twentieth) by the Republican convention, after an almost continuous session of two days, which was characterized by great animation and excitement. Illinois Republicans in Washington, in and out of Congress, who have been personally cognizant of the marked ability and efficiency with which Mr. Thomas has discharged

The high responsibilities and duties devolving upon him, and the great fidelity with which he has served his constituency and country since entering Congress four years since, are entirely unanimous and most hearty in expressions of gratification with his reappointment, and have sent him numerous telegrams of cordial congratulation.

The pension appropriation bill as it passed the Senate makes no change in the amount appropriated by the House, which remains at \$100,000.

600. No amendments, except those recommended by the Senate Committee on Appropriations, were adopted. Outside of mere verbal changes, these amendments authorize the Commissioner of Penitents to appoint surgeons to make such examination of penitents and applicants as he shall require, and to organize boards of surgeons, to consist of three members each, at such point in each State as he shall deem necessary, to conduct such examinations, subject to the revision of a special board of three surgeons, to be appointed when the

The following assignments of officers of the United States revenue marine have been made: Captain C. L. Hooper to steamer Rush at San Francisco; Third Lieutenant George A. Cook to steamer Wolcott, Port Townsend; Third Lieutenant F. M. Dunwoody to steamer Johnson, Milwaukee; Third Lieutenant Howard Emery to

steamer Crawford, Pensacola; Third Lieutenant Percy W. Thompson to steamer Perry, Erie; Third Lieutenant H. M. Broadbent to steamer Stevens, Newbern; Third Lieutenant W. E. W. Hall to steamer Hamilton, Philadelphia; Third Lieutenant C. D. Kennedy to steamer Dexter, Newport; Third Lieutenant Ed F. Kimball to steamer Gallatin, Boston; Third Lieutenant J. C. Moore to steamer Dallas, Portland; Third Lieutenant A. G. Lowe to steamer Woodbury, Eastport; Third Lieutenant George A. Starkweather to steamer Grant, New York; First Assistant Engineer Alfred H.

Under the call of committees for report Saturday afternoon seventy-two reports were presented to the House, most of them from the Committee on Claims and Invalid Pensions. Those of a public character were by Representative Williams, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, authorizing the Secretary of State to take the necessary measures to establish diplomatic relations with Persia, and recommending an appropriation of

\$5,000 for a consul-general of the United States at Tchern; by Representative Carleton from the Ways and Means Committee, a favorable report upon Representative Eill's bill to exempt Peruvian tobacco, when sold direct to manufacturers in the form of "Carottes," from the payment of the tax of 16 cents per pound now required by law, being really to prevent a double tax. Representative Washburn, from the Committee on Commerce, reported favorably upon the bill authorizing the erection of a bridge across the Mississippi River at St. Louis; also, upon the bill to authorize the Secretary

relief of War to provide for the removal of obstructions to the free navigation of the navigable waters of the United States to the Representative Lewis, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, reported favorably upon bill for the erection of a public building at Augusta, Me., at a cost of \$100,000, and at B-14, No. 100,000. Representative Harris, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported favorably a joint resolution to authorize Joseph H. Smeadley to accept decoration from the Netherlands, Spain, and Japan, as Lieutenant-Commander Charles E. Sizoo to

Mexico and Guatemala.
The arrival in the United States of General Barrios, President of the republic of Guatemala, and his undersigned, if not directly expressed, in intention of asking the intercession of this government in the disputed question of boundary between Guatemala and Mexico, give fresh interest at the present time to the letters written to it

State Department by Mr. C. A. Logan, late minister of the United States to Central America, which were recently laid before Congress. The remarks of other diplomatic emissaries. The latter alleges that Barrios is actually hated by the Mexicans, and that the feeling is mutual. That Mexico has no disposition to come to a open rupture with Guatemalan, that Guatemala had urged the United States to accept territory in Central America; that the United States is failing to do it, the proposition is annex Guatemalan, it is the only way to do it.

A Meteor.

A large, bright meteor was observed from the Bowery last night at five minutes of 12 o'clock, moving horizontally from south to north, above with a bright, blue color, and moving rapidly, apparently very near the earth, leaving a shining track behind. It was seen for fully two seconds, and disappeared in the northern sky.

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